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HART DENOUNCES REAGAN ON 'ABUSE'

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CEDAR RAPIDS, Jan. 28 — Senator Gary Hart today charged that "abuse of Government has become a way-of life" in the Reagan Administration and has listed 48 officials who he said had been targets of allegations of "criminal wrongdoing, unethical behavior or abuses of power and privilege."

The Coloradan, one of eight contenders for the Democratic Presidential nomination, said that 12 years after Watergate "the lessons of that traumatic period in our history seem to have been forgotten."

"Once again," Mr. Hart said, "we are hearing about political hit lists, about secrecy oaths and lie detectors, about favoritism in high places, about illicit taping of official conversations and about lying by senior Government officials. Once again, Government officials are betraying the public trust they hold, and once again, allegations of official misconduct are followed by pronouncements of Presidential confidence and support."

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Mr. Hart's unusually strong attack on the President, on the eve of Mr. Reagan's announcement on his political plans represented another effort to detach himself from the crowded field of Democratic Presidential hopefuls by raising an issue that has not been aired by the other contenders.

Among Reagan Administration officials who Senator Hart listed as targets of various allegations were Rita M. Lavelle, former head of the Environmental Protection Administration toxic waste cleanup unit, who has been convicted of perjury and obstruction of justice; and 10 other agency officials who resigned under fire or were dismissed.

In addition, he listed William J. Casey, the Director of Central Intelligence, who, the Senator said, "resisted" putting his stock holdings into a blind trust until last year, meanwhile trading more than \$3 million in stock in 1982, and Paul Thayer, who resigned as Deputy Secretary of Defense before the Securities and Exchange Commission charged him with releasing insider information on stocks.

Senator Hart also listed Labor Secretary Raymond J. Donovan as the target of allegations of involvement in union corruption and connections with organized crime figures, and the outgoing Attorney General, William French Smith. Senator Hart said Mr. Smith "participated in a tax shelter deemed impermissible by the Internal Revenue Service" and received a \$50,000 severance payment, since returned, from a company on whose board he served. Mr. Hart further said that Edwin Meese 3d, the Attorney General-designate, had received a loan arranged by an accountant who was later appointed to the Postal Service Board of Directors.